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TAGS: SREF, VM, SN
SUBJECT: TWO VIETNAMESE RESCUED BY S.S. GATEWAY CITY RETURN TO
VIETNAM

REF: SINGAPORE 997

1. IN MARCH 9 CONVERSATION WITH SINGAPORE IMMIGRATION OFFICIAL,
EMBOFF LEARNED THAT THE TWO VIETNAMESE CITED REFTEL (WHO WERE
RESCUED BY THE S.S. GATEWAY CITY AND WHO SUBSEQUENTLY REQUESTED
REPATRIATION) HAD LEFT SINGAPORE FOR VIETNAM. SRV TRADE REPRE-
SENTATIVE HERE REPORTEDLY ARRANGED TRANSPORTATION FOR THESE
INDIVIDUALS BY A VIETNAMESE MERCHANT VESSEL THAT CALLED AT
SINGAPORE ON MARCH 5. BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE, THE TWO VIETNAMESE
SIGNED STATEMENTS THAT THEIR DECISION TO RETURN HOME WAS COM-
PLETELY VOLUNTARY.

2. GIVEN UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE'S PESSIMISM THAT SRV WOULD APPROVE
THEIR REPATRIATION BASED ON ITS PREVIOUS RECORD, WE ARE
RATHER SURPRISED THAT THE MATTER WAS RESOLVED SO EXPEDITIOUSLY.
THAT SRV RESPONDED QUICKLY TO REPATRIATION REQUEST PROBABLY
REFLECTS-- ALBEIT IN A SMALL MEASURE --VIETNAMESE DESIRE TO
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IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH SINGAPORE AFTER THE CHILL THAT
DEVELOPED BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES FOLLOWING THE OCTOBER
HIJACKING OF AN AIR VIETNAM FLIGHT.

3. REFUGEE STATUS REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 10 WILL DELETE
THESE TWO PERSONS FROM THE COMMULATIVE BOAT CASE ARRIVAL FIGURE.
HOLDRIDGE

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